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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether achievement for the alleviation of poverty in rural areas during the Ninth Plan were less as compared to previous Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details alongwith factors responsible therefore; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove the hurdles being faced in the alleviation of poverty during the Tenth Plan ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) Achievements in alleviation of poverty are reflected in the poverty ratios. As per the estimates of poverty obtained by the Planning Commission, the rural poverty declined to 27.09% in 1999-2000 from 37.27% in 1993-94. Poverty estimates corresponding to Five Year Plan periods are not estimated separately.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has attempted to address the multi-dimensional nature of povertywith a three-pronged strategy consisting of economic growth, human development and direct intervention through poverty alleviation programmes. Greater role for empowered Panchayati Raj Institutions and involvement of communities in the implementation of anti poverty programmes are also envisaged.